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Dear Mr. Maser:

In answer to your letter of 24 July 1953, this Agency is making arrangements for Mr. Edward J. Allen, chief of our Economic Research area, and Mr. Philip G. Strong of our Office of Scientific Intelligence to attend the first meeting of the Reconnaissance and Technical Intelligence Panel of the Scientific Advisory Board to be held in Boston on 3 August 1953.

Mr. Allen and Mr. Strong, who are cleared for disclosing information classified FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY, are fully competent to represent CIA's preliminary views in regard to the relative importance of intelligence obtainable by Air Force reconnaissance techniques.

Subsequent to the formulation of a more precise definition of the scope of this panel's interests, this Agency may reconsider representation for future panel activities.

We are very pleased to have been given this opportunity to participate in the discussions of the Reconnaissance and Technical Intelligence Panel and appreciate the invitation extended to Mr. Sherman sent to attend its meetings. After careful consideration it is believed that, at least for the first meeting of the panel, the above designation of these two CIA representatives is more appropriate in view of the breadth of interests indicated by your letter.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

The Air Force's Scientific Advisory Board has recently formed a panel concerned with reconnaissance and technical intelligence. The chairman of this panel, Dr. James G. Baker, has asked me to extend an invitation to Mr. Sherman Kent of your Agency to attend the meetings of this panel.

The Scientific Advisory Board reports directly to the Chief of Staff, Hq. U. S. Air Force, and has the mission of advising him on all scientific and technical matters pertaining to the prosecution of aerial warfare. The Reconnaissance and Technical Intelligence Panel is concerned with the application of the latest scientific developments to the problems confronted by the Air Force in accomplishing its reconnaissance and intelligence missions.

The membership of the panel primarily represents competency in techniques and technical means for obtaining intelligence. It is desired that a C.I.A. representative such as Mr. Kent be present at panel meetings, at least for the first few, in order to guide the panel with regard to requirements for certain types of technical assistance. It is anticipated, for example, that certain questions to come under the panel's consideration, such as the nature of a special reconnaissance group, may require indications of relative importance by a C.I.A. representative. The panel has no need to know the background of such guidance but only conclusions. The amount of time required in such panel activity would in all likelihood amount to less than 10 days a year. A more precise definition of the scope of this panel is to be discussed at the first meeting, to be held on August 3rd in Boston.

The meetings of this panel will be customarily conducted at a clearance level of Top Secret, and all members and observers will be so cleared by USAF.

I will be glad to furnish any further information you may desire,
and can be reached on Liberty 5-6700, Extensions 53797, 71058, or 73359.

Sincerely,

Chester N. Hasert

CHESTER N. HASERT
Executive Secretary
Scientific Advisory Board
Office of the Chief of Staff

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REMARKS: I advised Mr. Hasert by phone on 31 July that the Agency might wish to send two people, to which he agreed. He is expecting confirmation from me by phone upon approval of this letter. The Acting AD/SI is also awaiting instructions. Because the meeting is on Monday, 3 August, at Boston I would appreciate prompt notification of the signing of this letter. Permission to reproduce three copies of the original letter from Mr. Hasert granted by

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phone conversation with Mrs. Mahoney in his office
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